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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control \_\_\_\_\_ Department or Agency Board of Physical Therapy  
Rule No. 700-x-2-.01  
Rule Title: Appropriate Education Required.  
\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ x Amend \_\_\_\_\_ Repeal \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? \_\_\_\_\_ no

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? \_\_\_\_\_ yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? \_\_\_\_\_ no

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? \_\_\_\_\_ no

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? \_\_\_\_\_ no

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? \_\_\_\_\_ yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? \_\_\_\_\_ no

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? \_\_\_\_\_ no

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer: Katty Miller  
Date: March 11, 2021  
(DATE FILED)  
(STAMP)

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Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

RULE NO. & TITLE: 700-x-2-.01; Appropriate Education Required.

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Clarify education requirements for members of the military.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy, 100 North Union Street, Suite 724 Montgomery, Al. 36130-5040, or verbally by calling 334-242-4064.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Written comments shall be received until the close of record at 5:00 P.M. on May 5, 2021. All comments should be addressed to the contact person listed below or verbal comments at 334-242-4064.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Kathy Miller, Executive Director, 100 North Union Street, Suite 724 Montgomery, Al. 36130-5040, phone number 334-242-4064.

Kathy Miller  
(Signature of officer authorized  
to promulgate and adopt  
rules or his or her deputy)

Appropriate Education Required.

(1) United States Educated Applicants. Each applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must have completed a program of physical therapy education appropriate for preparation as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, respectively, which is approved by the American Physical Therapy Association's Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

(2) Occupational licenses based on military education, training, or service. A member of the Armed Forces or reserves of the United States, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state (hereinafter referred to collectively as military member) may petition any accredited college or university in accordance with Board rules to accept the education, training, or service completed by military member to count toward educational credits necessary to receive any degree required for licensure by statute or rule. When an applicant has successfully presented satisfactory evidence of said education, training or service, the board will accept and recognize any degree earned by an applicant from an accredited college or university.

(3) Non-United States Educated Applicants.

(a) Statement of Policy. Foreign educated physical therapist applicants must demonstrate educational equivalency to United States educated physical therapists as measured by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

(b) Submission of Educational Credentials. Foreign educated physical therapist applicants shall submit their education credentials to:

FOREIGN CREDENTIALING COMMISSION ON PHYSICAL THERAPY (FCCPT)  
124 West St., South  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Fax: 703-684-8715

A copy of the evaluation by the credentials evaluating agency must be sent directly to the Board.

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**Statutory Authority:** ALA. CODE § 34-24-193(a)

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